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SUBJECT: PRAVDA COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AT
NORFOLK

1. THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT NORFOLK, AS REPORTED
BY TASS, IS CARRIED IN A SLIGHTLY TONED-DOWN VERSION
IN PRAVDA AUGUST 6. (ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS TASS
SUMMARY VIA FBIS.) THE REPORT HAS THE PRESIDENT
DECLARING THAT THE U.S. WILL MAINTAIN ARMED FORCES
SECOND TO NONE, DEVELOP AND MODERNIZE THE SLBM
COMPONENT OF THE TRIAD, ENHANCE OUR STRATEGIC
CAPABILITIES WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, AND CONTINUE
TO DESPATCH NAVAL FORCES TO VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE
WORLD.

2. PRAVDA ALSO INCLUDES THE FOLLOW-ON TASS COMMENT
THAT THE STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT SHOWS HE IS
"FIGHTING FOR" (RATUYET ZA) A FURTHER STEPPING-UP
OF U.S. MILITARY STRENGTH TO "PUT PRESSURE ON
OTHER COUNTRIES." SUCH STATEMENTS ARE SAID TO BE
AT VARIANCE WITH ACTIONS IN VIENNA,
GENEVA AND HELSINKI. THE PRAVDA REPORT THEN FOLLOWS
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THE TASS REPORT TO ITS CONCLUSION ALTHOUGH WE NOTE
"BELLICOSE" IS NOT CARRIED IN PRAVDA TO DESCRIBE THE
"PRESIDENT'S CALLS," WHICH ARE SAID TO BE "SUPPORTED
BY ENORMOUS ARMS SPENDING."

3. IN ADDITION TO VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL MILITARY
APPROPRIATIONS ENUMERATED AT TAG-END OF THE ABOVE

REPORT, THE "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN IN PRAVDA, SAME DATE, CITES REPORTS THAT THE USE OF THE B-1 BOMBER AS A CRUISE MISSILE LAUNCHER WILL BE STUDIED IN WASHINGTON DESPITE THE PRESIDENT'S APPARENT REJECTION OF B-1 PRODUCTION LAST YEAR. THE COLUMN GOES ON TO NOTE CRUISE MISSILE PRODUCTION "IS GOING AT FULL STEAM" AND A TEST OF THE TOMAHAWK WAS JUST CONDUCTED IN THE PACIFIC. MOREOVER, A NATO NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP IS WEIGHING THE USE OF A MOBILE NUCLEAR MISSILE IN EUROPE.

4. COMMENT: LACKING THE TEXT OF THE NORFOLK SPEECH, WE DON'T KNOW THE EXTENT OF SOVIET EDITING. BUT JUDGING FROM THE ANDROPOV SPEECH (SEPTEL) IN THE SAME PRAVDA EDITION, EFFORTS TO CAST THE ADMINISTRATION AS YIELDING TO "OPENLY MILITARISTIC" FORCES MAY BE ON THE INCREASE. PRAVDA STOPS SHORT OF CALLING THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH "BELLICOSE," DESPITE THIS CHOICE OF LANGUAGE BY TASS, BUT DOES NOT HESITATE TO USE HIS REMARKS TO CAST DOUBT ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS. TOON

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